

# Dade Heritage Trust



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DADE HERITAGE TRUST  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
October 8 1991  
Sheraton River House  
Noon

1991-92  
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Tuesday, November 12, 1991

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PRESENT

Rich Groden	Betty Metcalf
Peter Andolina	Ari Millas
Michael Beeman	Norah Schaefer
Ruth Jacobs	Don Slesnick
Sallye Jude	Laurie Swedroe
Marty Laffey	Jody Verrengia
Finlay Matheson	Louise Yarbrough
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ABSENT

Oscar Cespedes	June Pimm
Malinda Cleary	Bill Podway
Anna Ehlert	Janice Pryor
Dorothy Fields	R. Rodriguez
Michelle Fox	B. Tilghman
Dennis Kainen	Mary Weber
Bryan Knudsen	M. Wolfson
Larry Meyer	

The meeting was called to order by President Rich Groden at 12:30 p.m.

1.0. Minutes from the August and September Board Meetings were moved for approval by D. Slesnick, seconded by M. Beeman, motion passed.

The Joint Meeting with MDPL was successful. It was agreed that a good cooperative effort can be gained through joint participation. It was decided we will try to hold alternate Board Meetings as joint meetings. DHT meetings will be to attend to our business issues.

2.0. Treasurer's Report. Comments: budget is very tight, we are waiting daily for money from the county, waiting also for \$3000 from the grant for the Expressive Arts Project.

New Corporate Member - Barnett Bank through Marty Laffey's efforts.

Discussion of the Brown House on Watson Island. The city is not acting on this. Suggested by P. Andolina that if the property were safed up and landscaped we could probably get the city to maintain it. R. Groden asked P. Andolina to speak to Wally Lee of the Parks Department about an architectural rendering and the concept of maintenance. Moved by D. Slesnick, seconded by M. Beeman. Motion passed.

3.0. ABSOLUT Party - October 10. R. Groden said this should be a fun party and that DHT stands to make \$18-25 per person, so it's important that Board members support it. He said our hope this year is to generate activities and get people used to the idea that this will be going on and to look for activities.

4.0. Board Commitment. There was a discussion about individual Board commitment. Norah Schaefer moved that the DHT policy for commitment and the role of a trustee be reviewed, seconded by S. Jude. Motion passed. Commitment, time, responsibility, etc., will be discussed. President Groden appointed N. Schaefer Committee Chairman with members: Sallye Jude, Jody Verrengia, Finlay Matheson.

5.0. Phone-A-Thon: Membership Drive/Volunteer Support. Discussion of how to conduct Phone-A-Thon. Idea - mail out a survey with the membership brochure. Plans are being finalized for November.

6.0. Director's Report.

6.1. Historic Sites.

The Sears Building. The property has been accepted by the county. The City of Miami Preservation Board will consider designation on December 17. The feasibility report will be studied. It was noted that Seth Gordon has called a 2nd meeting to discuss alternative sites for the proposed Performing Arts Center.

The Priscilla and Algonquin Apartments. With a continuance on the decision D. Slesnick suggested that Tim Blake try talking to the owner, Mr. Shih. The Downtown Development Authority was also suggested as a contact for ideas. A survey for asbestos would have to be made before demolition could be considered.

The Deering Estate. The Parks Department must come up with restoration plans for the Deering property before the new building will be approved. The Deering Foundation plans a fund-raiser in December.

Historic Schools. George Percy has written to the School Board and Superintendent pointing out Dade County Public Schools' responsibility for historic property. D. Slesnick has spoken to Superintendent Visiedo and R. Jacobs has spoken to School Board Member Betsy Kaplan about a meeting with individual Board members. President Groden urged that continued support for historic designation be made at the December meeting emphasizing the tourist attraction in historic sites rather than just another carnival.

Coppertone Sign. The sign will be stored if it is taken down before a new site is found. The Downtown Development Authority is now helping. There are two proposals at this time - The New World School of the Arts and the Sebold Building. Referring to the question of the sign being historic, D. Slesnick noted the precedent of the "Clark Bar" sign in Pittsburgh being so designated.

Cape Florida Lighthouse Photo Posters. A photo taken by Ralph Munroe's daughter, Patty Munroe, has been given to DHT by Patty's daughter Marilyn Catlow for fund-raising for the Lighthouse. Bill Baggs' son is discussing making a public service message for the Lighthouse. The Lighthouse has not received funding from a state grant because of limited monies (\$30+ million in requests - \$3 million available).

Three Score and Ten Club. Miami-Dade Community College will recreate the ballroom of the Club. Club members will have access and use of the room.

Matheson Hammock and Fairchild Gardens. Motion by Bill Podway, seconded by Marty Laffey for DHT to ask for historic designation for the sites. Motion passed. It was noted there has been some discussion of changing the entry structure to Fairchild Gardens.

6.2. Grants.

Knight Foundation Grant. DHT has applied for a \$50,000 grant to be used for the 1992 National Trust Conference. \$5,000 would be used for administrative costs for DHT.

Expressive Arts Project Grant. L. Yarbrough reported the project had finished successfully and was featured in the award winning issue of Preservation Today. President Groden and Executive Director Yarbrough accepted the award from the Florida Trust at the Conference in Myers. L. Yarbrough also participated on a workshop panel.

Lighthouse Grant. L. Yarbrough will apply before December 16 for this.

6.3. DHT Newsletter. Gay Bondurant was the editor for the fall issue which has been well received and was produced economically with the computer assistance of new member, Hank Bonis. Michael Beeman suggested since there are frequent mailings from DHT, perhaps there could be more consolidation of information and invitations.

6.4. Membership Brochures. These will probably be ready for the ABSOLUT Miami Party, October 10. Board members were asked to make phone calls to personally invite members to the party. DHT will clear \$17 per paid guest.

6.5. Expressive Arts Kids' Brochure. This has been received and is being distributed to the schools.

7.0. Committee Reports.

7.1. Education. Ruth Jacobs reported more requests from schools for presentations than ever before. Also, September 28 and October 5, materials were handed out at exhibition booths at 2 County PTA/PTSA workshops and a Dade County School/Dade Partners Conference.

7.2. Membership. Report received.

8.0. National Trust Meetings. The 2nd planning meeting for the '92 Conference is November 20, 5:00 p.m. at the Hyatt.

9.0. Video Proposal. David Plane, a student working on his doctorate would like to apply for a grant under the auspices of DHT with DHT receiving an administration fee. He is researching with Sam La Roue and Ellen Uguccioni. Ruth Jacobs moved, seconded by B. metcalf the project be reviewed and a report and recommendation be make back to the Board. Motion passed.

10.0. Other Business.

10.1. Quarterly Meeting - Christmas Party at Morningside, Wednesday December 11. Norah Schaefer is planning this.

10.2. Miami Design Preservation League will have a reception for an author on October 25 from 7-9 p.m.

11.0. Next meeting: Tuesday, November 12, 1991, perhaps a dinner meeting.

Meeting was adjourned 2:10 p.m.